



Population and Migration Estimates

April 2012 (with revisions from April 2007 to April 2011)

	Year ending	
	April 2011	April 2012
Natural increase	47,500	44,900
Net migration	-27,400	-34,400
Population change	20,100	10,500
Population at	4,574,900	4,585,400

Rising emigration slows population growth

Emigration from Ireland in the twelve months to April 2012 is estimated to have increased to 87,100 from 80,600 in the year to April 2011, while the number of immigrants is estimated to have fallen marginally to 52,700 from 53,300 over the same period. These combined changes resulted in an increase in the net outward migration from 27,400 in the year to April 2011 to 34,400 in the year to April 2012.

Over the same period, the number of births was 74,000 while the number of deaths was 29,200, resulting in natural growth for the year to April 2012 of 44,900, a fall of 2,600 on the previous years figure of 47,500.

The combined effect of natural increase and negative net migration resulted in an overall small increase in the population of 10,500 bringing the population estimate to 4.59 million in April 2012.

This release includes revisions to the population and migration estimates for the years 2007-2011 inclusive, which follow on from the publication of the definitive 2011 Census results in April of this year. The population estimate for 2011 has been revised upwards by 90,600, with smaller revisions in the years 2007 to 2010 (see *Table 9 and Background Notes* for more information).

The other main features of the 2012 figures are:

- ◆ Of the 87,100 people who emigrated in the year to April 2012, Irish nationals were the largest group accounting for 46,500 or 53 per cent (*see Table 3*).
- ◆ Net outward migration for Irish nationals increased to 26,000 in the year to April 2012, from 22,400 in the previous year. The figure for non-Irish nationals also increased from 5,000 to 8,400 over the same period.
- ◆ The overall population increase of 0.2 per cent was unevenly distributed across the regions, with the Mid-East showing the strongest growth at 1.2 per cent and the Border showing the largest decrease of 0.9 per cent.
- ◆ The male population is estimated to have decreased by 900 in the year ending April 2012, the first such decrease since 1990. This fall is due to a decrease of 8,900 in non-Irish national males (*see Table 8*).

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Table 1 Components of the annual population change, 1987 - 2012

Year ending April	Components of Population change						
	Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net migration	Population change
000							
1987	61.2	32.2	29.0	17.2	40.2	-23.0	5.9
1988	57.8	31.6	26.2	19.2	61.1	-41.9	-15.8
1989	53.6	31.0	22.6	26.7	70.6	-43.9	-21.2
1990	51.9	32.8	19.1	33.3	56.3	-22.9	-3.7
1991	53.1	31.1	22.0	33.3	35.3	-2.0	19.9
1992	52.8	31.4	21.4	40.7	33.4	7.4	28.8
1993	50.4	30.4	20.0	34.7	35.1	-0.4	19.6
1994	49.1	32.6	16.6	30.1	34.8	-4.7	11.8
1995	48.4	31.2	17.2	31.2	33.1	-1.9	15.4
1996	48.8	32.0	16.7	39.2	31.2	8.0	24.8
1997	50.7	31.7	19.0	44.5	25.3	19.2	38.2
1998	52.7	31.2	21.5	46.0	28.6	17.4	38.8
1999	53.7	32.4	21.2	48.9	31.5	17.3	38.5
2000	54.0	32.1	21.8	52.6	26.6	26.0	47.9
2001	55.1	30.2	24.8	59.0	26.2	32.8	57.7
2002	58.1	29.3	28.8	66.9	25.6	41.3	70.0
2003	60.8	28.9	31.9	60.0	29.3	30.7	62.6
2004	62.0	28.6	33.3	58.5	26.5	32.0	65.3
2005	61.4	27.9	33.5	84.6	29.4	55.1	88.6
2006	61.2	27.0	34.2	107.8	36.0	71.8	106.0
2007	66.6	28.4	38.2	151.1	46.3	104.8	142.9
2008	73.0	28.0	44.9	113.5	49.2	64.3	109.2
2009	75.3	28.6	46.7	73.7	72.0	1.6	48.3
2010	77.2	28.4	48.8	41.8	69.2	-27.5	21.4
2011	75.1	27.7	47.5	53.3	80.6	-27.4	20.1
2012 ¹	74.0	29.2	44.9	52.7	87.1	-34.4	10.5

¹ Preliminary

Table 2 Estimated Immigration classified by Sex and Nationality, 2006 - 2012

Sex and Nationality	Immigrants						
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 ¹	2012 ²
000							
Persons							
Irish	18.9	30.7	23.8	23.0	17.9	19.6	20.6
UK	9.9	4.3	6.8	3.9	2.5	4.1	2.2
Rest of EU15 ³	12.7	11.8	9.6	11.5	6.2	7.1	7.2
EU12 ⁴	49.9	85.3	54.7	21.1	9.3	10.1	10.4
Rest of world	16.4	19.0	18.6	14.1	6.0	12.4	12.4
Total	107.8	151.1	113.5	73.7	41.8	53.3	52.7
Males							
Irish	9.5	15.7	11.8	13.0	9.0	9.9	11.7
UK	5.7	2.4	4.1	2.3	1.4	2.2	1.1
Rest of EU15 ³	6.4	4.7	3.9	3.7	2.6	3.4	2.4
EU12 ⁴	30.7	47.5	24.8	10.8	4.6	4.6	4.9
Rest of world	8.0	9.6	9.4	7.0	2.8	5.9	4.9
Total	60.3	80.0	53.9	36.8	20.4	26.0	25.0
Females							
Irish	9.4	15.0	12.0	10.0	8.9	9.7	8.8
UK	4.2	1.9	2.7	1.7	1.1	1.9	1.1
Rest of EU15 ³	6.2	7.1	5.7	7.9	3.6	3.7	4.8
EU12 ⁴	19.2	37.8	29.9	10.3	4.6	5.5	5.5
Rest of world	8.5	9.4	9.2	7.1	3.2	6.5	7.6
Total	47.5	71.1	59.5	36.8	21.4	27.2	27.8

¹ Census of Population

² Preliminary

³ Rest of EU 15: countries before enlargement on 1 May 2004, i.e., Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Portugal.

⁴ EU12: defined as 10 countries that joined the EU on 1 May 2004 (i.e., Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia), along with Bulgaria and Romania who joined on 1 January 2007.

Table 3 Estimated Emigration classified by Sex and Nationality, 2006 - 2012

Sex and Nationality	Emigrants					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
000						
Persons						
Irish	15.3	12.9	13.1	19.2	28.9	42.0
UK	2.2	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.0	4.6
Rest of EU15 ²	5.1	8.9	6.0	7.4	9.0	10.2
EU12 ³	7.2	12.6	17.2	30.5	19.0	13.9
Rest of world	6.2	8.2	9.0	11.0	9.3	9.9
Total	36.0	46.3	49.2	72.0	69.2	80.6
Males						
Irish	8.0	6.1	7.1	12.3	16.7	24.5
UK	1.6	2.3	2.5	2.4	1.7	1.8
Rest of EU15 ²	2.5	4.3	2.0	1.9	4.0	3.7
EU12 ³	3.7	8.4	12.4	21.1	12.8	6.8
Rest of world	2.8	4.6	5.5	4.3	5.4	5.1
Total	18.7	25.7	29.6	41.9	40.6	41.9
Females						
Irish	7.3	6.8	6.0	6.9	12.2	17.5
UK	0.6	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.4	2.8
Rest of EU15 ²	2.6	4.6	4.0	5.5	5.0	6.6
EU12 ³	3.4	4.3	4.8	9.5	6.2	7.1
Rest of world	3.4	3.6	3.5	6.7	3.9	4.8
Total	17.3	20.6	19.6	30.1	28.7	38.8

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Table 4 Estimated Migration classified by Sex and Country of Destination/Origin, 2006 - 2012

Sex / Year ending April	Emigrants						Immigrants					Net Migration	
	UK	Rest of EU 15 ³	EU 12 ⁴	USA	Rest of world	Total	UK	Rest of EU 15 ³	EU 12 ⁴	USA	Rest of world		
000													
Persons													
2006	8.8	5.7	2.3	3.3	15.8	36.0	17.7	13.5	49.3	4.0	23.3	107.8	71.8
2007	11.1	3.5	7.7	3.1	20.8	46.3	18.2	20.3	72.6	5.3	34.7	151.1	104.8
2008	7.6	7.8	10.1	2.4	21.3	49.2	19.4	14.5	45.5	5.0	29.1	113.5	64.3
2009	13.2	7.4	25.2	4.1	22.2	72.0	13.4	18.1	17.5	3.0	21.6	73.7	1.6
2010	15.3	11.9	14.6	2.9	24.5	69.2	9.1	7.8	8.7	1.7	14.5	41.8	-27.5
2011 ¹	20.0	13.9	10.4	4.7	31.7	80.6	11.9	9.7	9.8	3.3	18.6	53.3	-27.4
2012 ²	19.0	14.4	9.6	8.6	35.6	87.1	8.4	10.2	9.3	4.9	19.9	52.7	-34.4
Males													
2006	4.5	2.4	1.0	1.6	9.3	18.7	9.7	6.8	30.5	1.7	11.6	60.3	41.6
2007	5.3	1.5	4.7	1.8	12.5	25.7	9.5	9.3	40.3	2.5	18.4	80.0	54.3
2008	3.9	3.2	6.5	1.8	14.2	29.6	10.6	6.1	20.8	2.3	14.2	53.9	24.4
2009	8.0	3.0	16.0	2.2	12.6	41.9	7.8	6.3	9.3	1.5	12.0	36.8	-5.1
2010	8.8	5.4	9.0	2.1	15.2	40.6	4.0	3.4	4.7	0.8	7.5	20.4	-20.2
2011 ¹	11.1	7.0	4.9	2.6	16.2	41.9	5.9	4.7	4.5	1.5	9.4	26.0	-15.8
2012 ²	10.8	7.1	5.0	4.7	21.3	48.9	4.5	3.7	4.8	2.5	9.5	25.0	-23.9
Females													
2006	4.4	3.3	1.4	1.7	6.6	17.3	8.0	6.7	18.8	2.3	11.8	47.5	30.2
2007	5.9	2.1	3.0	1.4	8.3	20.6	8.7	11.0	32.3	2.8	16.3	71.1	50.4
2008	3.7	4.6	3.6	0.6	7.1	19.6	8.8	8.4	24.7	2.7	15.0	59.5	39.9
2009	5.1	4.4	9.2	1.8	9.6	30.1	5.6	11.8	8.2	1.5	9.7	36.8	6.7
2010	6.4	6.5	5.6	0.8	9.3	28.7	5.1	4.4	4.0	0.8	7.1	21.4	-7.2
2011 ¹	8.9	6.8	5.4	2.1	15.5	38.8	6.0	5.0	5.3	1.7	9.3	27.2	-11.5
2012 ²	8.2	7.3	4.6	3.9	14.2	38.2	4.0	6.5	4.5	2.4	10.4	27.8	-10.5

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Table 5 Estimated Migration classified by Sex and Age Group, 2006 - 2012

Sex /	Emigrants						Immigrants					Net Migration		
	Year ending April	0 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	Total	0 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over		
000														
Persons														
2006	2.2	15.9	14.1	2.1	1.7	36.0	11.5	31.6	57.2	6.1	1.4	107.8	71.8	
2007	1.4	18.2	21.2	3.0	2.5	46.3	11.4	61.4	65.8	10.1	2.4	151.1	104.8	
2008	1.6	17.8	24.0	2.9	3.0	49.2	13.9	50.0	38.8	7.2	3.6	113.5	64.3	
2009	2.4	27.9	37.5	3.1	1.2	72.0	4.5	37.2	26.4	3.3	2.3	73.7	1.6	
2010	2.0	26.7	36.5	2.9	1.1	69.2	1.8	17.3	18.8	2.0	1.9	41.8	-27.5	
2011 ¹	5.3	34.5	31.3	6.1	3.4	80.6	6.1	14.6	26.9	4.3	1.3	53.3	-27.4	
2012 ²	4.9	35.8	39.5	5.6	1.2	87.1	7.9	14.6	25.6	4.1	0.6	52.7	-34.4	
Males														
♂	2006	1.1	8.0	7.6	1.2	0.8	18.7	5.5	16.4	34.0	3.7	0.7	60.3	41.6
♂	2007	0.6	8.9	12.8	2.0	1.5	25.7	5.3	28.9	38.1	6.0	1.7	80.0	54.3
♂	2008	0.8	9.7	14.9	2.2	2.0	29.6	6.6	23.3	18.0	4.2	1.7	53.9	24.4
♂	2009	1.1	17.1	22.0	1.2	0.4	41.9	2.2	18.6	13.0	1.6	1.4	36.8	-5.1
♂	2010	1.0	13.7	23.0	2.4	0.5	40.6	1.4	7.6	9.9	0.8	0.7	20.4	-20.2
♂	2011 ¹	2.5	15.9	17.9	3.1	2.4	41.9	3.1	6.4	13.6	2.2	0.7	26.0	-15.8
♂	2012 ²	2.3	17.4	24.7	3.8	0.6	48.9	3.2	6.0	13.3	1.9	0.5	25.0	-23.9
Females														
♀	2006	1.1	7.9	6.5	0.9	0.9	17.3	6.0	15.2	23.2	2.4	0.7	47.5	30.2
♀	2007	0.8	9.3	8.4	1.1	1.0	20.6	6.1	32.5	27.7	4.1	0.7	71.1	50.4
♀	2008	0.8	8.1	9.1	0.6	1.0	19.6	7.3	26.7	20.7	3.0	1.8	59.5	39.9
♀	2009	1.3	10.8	15.5	1.8	0.8	30.1	2.3	18.6	13.4	1.7	0.9	36.8	6.7
♀	2010	1.1	13.0	13.5	0.5	0.6	28.7	0.5	9.7	8.8	1.3	1.1	21.4	-7.2
♀	2011 ¹	2.7	18.6	13.3	3.1	1.0	38.8	3.0	8.2	13.3	2.1	0.7	27.2	-11.5
♀	2012 ²	2.6	18.4	14.8	1.8	0.6	38.2	4.6	8.6	12.3	2.2	0.1	27.8	-10.5

¹ Census of Population for immigration only

² Preliminary

Table 6 Estimated Population classified by Sex and Age Group, 2006 - 2012

Sex and Age Group	Persons in April of each year						
	2006 ¹	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 ¹	2012 ²
000							
Persons							
0 - 4 years	302.3	310.5	324.0	335.2	347.0	356.0	364.6
5 - 9 "	288.5	297.2	306.2	310.7	314.6	319.6	324.8
10 - 14 "	274.2	276.5	283.1	290.5	296.1	301.0	305.4
15 - 19 "	290.9	291.4	295.6	294.3	289.4	281.0	275.7
20 - 24 "	347.5	371.7	373.6	354.4	326.3	298.6	277.7
25 - 29 "	375.2	399.8	408.3	400.6	381.6	362.9	341.2
30 - 34 "	347.9	361.3	369.5	374.5	381.2	393.4	392.3
35 - 39 "	320.4	335.3	348.6	356.3	359.7	363.1	364.3
40 - 44 "	299.8	308.1	313.6	316.7	321.8	329.3	335.7
45 - 49 "	273.8	281.2	288.5	295.6	300.9	304.1	308.1
50 - 54 "	246.4	253.2	258.0	262.3	267.4	273.7	278.2
55 - 59 "	223.9	227.9	232.6	235.7	239.6	243.4	248.0
60 - 64 "	179.8	190.7	199.8	207.7	214.0	217.1	220.0
65 - 69 "	141.2	144.1	149.8	156.6	163.5	172.1	181.5
70 - 74 "	117.5	119.5	121.7	124.6	127.9	130.1	132.7
75 - 79 "	91.4	92.5	94.5	96.8	99.1	101.4	103.6
80 - 84 "	64.4	65.6	65.9	66.9	68.4	69.8	71.0
85 years and over	47.8	49.4	51.9	54.0	56.1	58.2	60.5
Total	4,232.9	4,375.8	4,485.1	4,533.4	4,554.8	4,574.9	4,585.4
Males							
0 - 4 years	154.7	159.4	165.9	171.4	177.6	182.0	186.0
5 - 9 "	148.1	151.9	156.3	158.5	160.8	163.5	166.1
10 - 14 "	140.7	141.9	145.3	149.2	152.1	154.5	156.4
15 - 19 "	148.7	147.5	149.6	150.3	147.7	143.7	141.3
20 - 24 "	175.5	187.6	186.5	173.5	160.1	148.6	138.6
25 - 29 "	190.2	202.6	204.7	198.4	186.1	175.1	163.5
30 - 34 "	176.4	184.6	186.9	188.1	189.8	194.9	191.3
35 - 39 "	162.8	171.3	177.6	180.3	181.0	181.9	181.5
40 - 44 "	150.4	154.9	157.5	159.5	162.2	165.9	168.5
45 - 49 "	137.4	141.2	144.5	147.9	149.8	151.3	153.1
50 - 54 "	124.1	127.4	129.5	131.6	133.7	136.7	138.2
55 - 59 "	113.2	115.2	117.3	118.7	120.3	121.8	123.6
60 - 64 "	90.6	96.1	101.0	104.9	107.6	109.2	110.0
65 - 69 "	69.9	71.9	74.4	78.0	81.5	85.6	90.6
70 - 74 "	55.8	56.9	58.1	59.8	61.8	62.9	64.4
75 - 79 "	39.7	40.8	42.4	43.9	45.1	46.3	47.6
80 - 84 "	24.5	25.0	25.3	26.3	27.3	28.3	29.4
85 years and over	14.8	15.2	15.9	16.8	17.7	18.4	19.4
Total	2,117.3	2,191.3	2,238.6	2,257.3	2,262.2	2,270.5	2,269.6
Females							
0 - 4 years	147.7	151.1	158.1	163.8	169.4	174.1	178.6
5 - 9 "	140.4	145.4	150.0	152.2	153.8	156.2	158.7
10 - 14 "	133.5	134.6	137.9	141.2	144.0	146.6	149.0
15 - 19 "	142.2	144.0	146.0	143.9	141.7	137.4	134.4
20 - 24 "	172.0	184.1	187.1	180.9	166.2	149.9	139.2
25 - 29 "	185.0	197.2	203.6	202.1	195.6	187.8	177.7
30 - 34 "	171.5	176.8	182.6	186.4	191.4	198.5	201.0
35 - 39 "	157.7	164.0	171.0	176.0	178.7	181.2	182.9
40 - 44 "	149.3	153.2	156.1	157.3	159.6	163.4	167.1
45 - 49 "	136.4	140.1	143.9	147.7	151.1	152.9	155.0
50 - 54 "	122.3	125.8	128.5	130.7	133.7	137.1	140.0
55 - 59 "	110.7	112.7	115.3	117.0	119.3	121.6	124.3
60 - 64 "	89.1	94.5	98.8	102.8	106.4	107.9	109.9
65 - 69 "	71.4	72.2	75.4	78.6	82.0	86.5	90.9
70 - 74 "	61.7	62.6	63.6	64.8	66.2	67.2	68.3
75 - 79 "	51.8	51.6	52.1	52.9	54.0	55.0	55.9
80 - 84 "	39.9	40.5	40.5	40.6	41.0	41.5	41.6
85 years and over	33.1	34.2	36.0	37.2	38.5	39.8	41.1
Total	2,115.6	2,184.6	2,246.5	2,276.1	2,292.6	2,304.4	2,315.8

¹ Census of Population

² Preliminary

Table 7 Estimated Population classified by Sex, Age Group and Regional Authority Area, April 2012¹

Sex and Age Group	State	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West
000									
Persons									
0 - 4 years	364.6	41.7	97.9	48.9	24.3	28.9	38.8	50.9	33.2
5 - 9 "	324.8	38.0	80.1	44.1	22.3	26.7	36.5	45.9	31.0
10 - 14 "	305.4	36.8	73.5	39.4	21.8	25.9	35.2	43.6	29.3
15 - 19 "	275.7	32.3	68.2	33.1	18.2	24.6	31.8	40.8	26.8
20 - 24 "	277.7	28.9	84.2	29.9	16.1	23.2	29.6	40.4	25.4
25 - 29 "	341.2	32.0	117.7	36.5	20.4	25.9	32.8	46.8	29.2
30 - 34 "	392.3	38.1	129.4	46.2	22.9	29.1	38.4	54.1	34.0
35 - 39 "	364.3	38.1	105.9	46.5	22.6	28.6	37.8	51.8	32.9
40 - 44 "	335.7	37.3	90.0	43.5	21.4	27.3	36.1	48.7	31.2
45 - 49 "	308.1	34.8	80.1	38.1	19.0	25.6	35.0	45.8	29.7
50 - 54 "	278.2	31.5	73.0	32.1	17.0	23.8	31.5	41.7	27.7
55 - 59 "	248.0	28.8	63.5	27.6	15.2	21.7	27.9	37.3	26.0
60 - 64 "	220.0	25.9	56.1	23.5	13.1	19.9	25.1	33.4	22.9
65 - 69 "	181.5	21.9	45.7	18.9	10.9	16.5	21.3	27.9	18.6
70 - 74 "	132.7	15.7	35.2	12.3	7.7	11.8	15.8	20.5	13.7
75 - 79 "	103.6	12.5	27.9	8.8	6.3	9.0	12.1	16.1	10.9
80 - 84 "	71.0	8.6	19.1	5.6	4.2	6.2	8.2	11.2	7.9
85 years and over	60.5	8.0	15.3	5.1	3.7	5.2	6.8	9.2	7.2
Total	4,585.4	510.9	1,262.9	540.1	287.0	380.1	500.8	666.2	437.4
Males									
0 - 4 years	186.0	21.2	50.0	24.7	12.6	14.8	20.1	25.7	17.0
5 - 9 "	166.1	19.8	40.6	22.8	11.4	13.6	18.6	23.4	15.8
10 - 14 "	156.4	19.0	37.5	20.4	11.1	13.1	18.1	22.2	14.9
15 - 19 "	141.3	17.0	34.8	16.9	9.0	13.0	16.3	20.7	13.7
20 - 24 "	138.6	14.7	41.2	14.0	7.7	12.4	14.9	20.8	12.8
25 - 29 "	163.5	15.6	55.4	17.4	10.0	12.5	15.8	22.7	14.1
30 - 34 "	191.3	18.5	62.6	22.6	11.4	14.4	18.9	26.1	16.7
35 - 39 "	181.5	19.1	52.4	23.1	11.1	14.4	19.0	26.2	16.2
40 - 44 "	168.5	18.8	45.1	21.8	11.0	13.8	18.2	24.4	15.6
45 - 49 "	153.1	17.5	38.9	19.0	9.6	12.6	17.4	23.1	15.0
50 - 54 "	138.2	15.7	35.4	16.0	8.7	12.0	15.6	20.9	13.9
55 - 59 "	123.6	14.7	30.4	13.7	7.7	10.9	14.2	18.9	13.1
60 - 64 "	110.0	13.2	27.0	11.8	6.7	10.0	12.7	16.9	11.6
65 - 69 "	90.6	11.3	21.7	9.6	5.5	8.3	10.7	13.9	9.7
70 - 74 "	64.4	7.8	16.2	6.1	3.8	5.8	7.9	9.9	6.9
75 - 79 "	47.6	5.9	12.0	4.1	3.0	4.3	5.7	7.4	5.3
80 - 84 "	29.4	3.7	7.3	2.4	1.8	2.6	3.6	4.6	3.4
85 years and over	19.4	2.6	4.7	1.6	1.3	1.7	2.3	2.9	2.4
Total	2,269.6	256.2	613.3	268.0	143.2	190.3	249.8	330.8	218.0
Females									
0 - 4 years	178.6	20.5	48.0	24.2	11.7	14.1	18.7	25.2	16.2
5 - 9 "	158.7	18.2	39.5	21.3	11.0	13.1	17.9	22.6	15.2
10 - 14 "	149.0	17.7	36.0	19.0	10.7	12.8	17.1	21.4	14.4
15 - 19 "	134.4	15.3	33.5	16.3	9.2	11.6	15.5	20.1	13.0
20 - 24 "	139.2	14.2	43.0	15.9	8.4	10.8	14.7	19.6	12.6
25 - 29 "	177.7	16.3	62.2	19.1	10.4	13.4	17.0	24.1	15.1
30 - 34 "	201.0	19.6	66.7	23.6	11.6	14.7	19.5	28.0	17.4
35 - 39 "	182.9	19.0	53.5	23.4	11.5	14.3	18.8	25.7	16.7
40 - 44 "	167.1	18.5	45.0	21.7	10.4	13.5	18.0	24.4	15.6
45 - 49 "	155.0	17.4	41.2	19.0	9.4	13.0	17.7	22.6	14.7
50 - 54 "	140.0	15.8	37.6	16.1	8.3	11.8	15.8	20.8	13.9
55 - 59 "	124.3	14.2	33.1	13.9	7.4	10.8	13.8	18.4	12.8
60 - 64 "	109.9	12.7	29.0	11.7	6.4	9.9	12.4	16.5	11.3
65 - 69 "	90.9	10.6	24.0	9.2	5.4	8.2	10.7	13.9	8.9
70 - 74 "	68.3	7.8	19.0	6.3	3.9	6.0	7.9	10.6	6.8
75 - 79 "	55.9	6.6	15.9	4.7	3.3	4.7	6.4	8.7	5.6
80 - 84 "	41.6	4.9	11.8	3.3	2.4	3.6	4.6	6.6	4.4
85 years and over	41.1	5.4	10.6	3.5	2.4	3.5	4.5	6.3	4.8
Total	2,315.8	254.7	649.6	272.1	143.8	189.8	251.0	335.5	219.4

¹ Preliminary

Table 8 Estimated Population classified by Sex and Nationality, 2006 - 2012

Sex and Nationality	Population						
	2006 ¹	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 ¹	2012 ²
000							
Persons							
Irish	3,802.4	3,856.2	3,909.5	3,958.0	3,994.7	4,017.9	4,035.0
UK	115.5	115.5	117.9	117.1	115.9	114.9	113.0
Rest of EU15 ³	43.8	47.0	50.8	55.3	52.4	49.4	45.5
EU12 ⁴	132.5	207.6	247.7	240.8	233.0	231.5	229.4
Rest of world	138.8	149.6	159.2	162.2	158.7	161.2	162.5
Total	4,232.9	4,375.8	4,485.1	4,533.4	4,554.8	4,574.9	4,585.4
Males							
Irish	1,887.4	1,915.7	1,942.3	1,966.4	1,983.3	1,991.9	1,999.9
UK	57.8	57.6	58.9	58.3	57.7	57.8	56.5
Rest of EU15 ³	21.3	21.8	23.7	25.5	24.0	23.9	21.3
EU12 ⁴	79.9	120.3	133.9	124.8	117.6	116.5	114.1
Rest of world	70.9	75.9	79.8	82.3	79.6	80.4	77.7
Total	2,117.3	2,191.3	2,238.6	2,257.3	2,262.2	2,270.5	2,269.6
Females							
Irish	1,914.9	1,940.5	1,967.2	1,991.6	2,011.4	2,026.0	2,035.1
UK	57.7	57.9	59.0	58.8	58.2	57.1	56.4
Rest of EU15 ³	22.5	25.2	27.1	29.7	28.4	25.5	24.2
EU12 ⁴	52.6	87.4	113.8	116.0	115.5	114.9	115.3
Rest of world	67.9	73.7	79.5	79.9	79.1	80.8	84.8
Total	2,115.6	2,184.6	2,246.5	2,276.1	2,292.6	2,304.4	2,315.8

¹ Census of Population

² Preliminary

³ Rest of EU 15: countries before enlargement on 1 May 2004, i.e., Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Portugal.

⁴ EU12: defined as 10 countries that joined the EU on 1 May 2004 (i.e., Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia), along with Bulgaria and Romania who joined on 1 January 2007.

Table 9

Comparison of Census of Population 2011 results with Estimated Population April 2011 in each Regional Authority Area classified by sex

Sex	State	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West
000									
Persons									
Census 2011 (A)	4,574.9	515.5	1,261.5	533.8	283.8	377.8	499.3	662.3	440.8
Population estimate (B)	4,484.3	504.3	1,199.3	543.9	277.1	372.9	506.4	649.6	430.8
Difference (A-B)	90.6	11.2	62.2	-10.1	6.7	4.9	-7.1	12.7	10.1
Males									
Census 2011 (A)	2,270.5	258.3	615.4	266.0	142.4	189.1	249.3	329.6	220.5
Population estimate (B)	2,221.7	250.8	588.0	271.2	137.4	186.1	251.7	319.6	216.8
Difference (A-B)	48.8	7.5	27.4	-5.3	5.0	2.9	-2.4	10.0	3.7
Females									
Census 2011 (A)	2,304.4	257.2	646.2	267.8	141.4	188.7	250.0	332.7	220.3
Population estimate (B)	2,262.6	253.5	611.3	272.7	139.7	186.8	254.7	330.0	214.0
Difference (A-B)	41.7	3.7	34.8	-4.8	1.7	2.0	-4.7	2.7	6.4

Background Notes

Coverage	The reference period for the population estimates is mid-April of the years shown, while the migration flows are in respect of the twelve months to mid-April of the corresponding years, as are the births and deaths. The population classified by age and sex for the years 2006 and 2011 are taken from the Census of Population held in those years. The population and migration estimates for the 2007-2011 period have been revised in the light of the 2011 census results.
Source of Migration data	<p>The principal source of information for the estimation of the gross annual migration flows is the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS), which also provides the basis for the classification of the flows by sex, age group, origin/destination and nationality.</p> <p>The migration estimates are compiled with reference to movements in other migration indicators such as the number of Personal Public Service (PPS) numbers allocated to non-Irish nationals, the number of work permits issued/renewed and the number of asylum applications.</p>
Calculation of annual population estimates	<p>The annual population estimates for mid-April in this release were calculated by trending forwards the previous Census of Population data. For example, the base population data for estimating the April 2012 figure was the number of males and females in each region by single year of age as established by the 2011 Census. From this base, each person was aged by one year, births for the period were added and deaths were subtracted.</p> <p>The estimated number of immigrants was then added and the number of emigrants was subtracted. Allowance was also made for estimated inter-regional migration in arriving at the final 2012 figures. The end result of this overall process provided the population estimate for April 2012 which in turn will provide the base population for the subsequent year and so on. The population estimates are subject to revision once the definitive results of the next census become available.</p>
Revision of inter-censal population estimates	<p>The change in the population between successive Censuses reflects not only the effect of births and deaths but also all movements of persons into and out of the State between both dates. As the number of births and deaths is known from the regular vital statistics, the residual provides a measure of the overall net migration (i.e., the difference between inward and outward flows) for the five year inter-censal period.</p> <p>The population estimate for April 2011, based on the 2006 Census base, was 90,600 less than the 2011 Census outturn. While this difference is larger than expected it should be borne in mind that the estimated gross migration flows over this inter-censal period are estimated at almost 751,000, accounting for 16.4 per cent of the total 2011 population. Secondly the initial estimate for April 2011 reflected a 5.9 per cent increase in the population on the five years, while the definitive 2011 Census figure shows an actual increase of 8.1 per cent.</p> <p>A detailed analysis of the number of Personal Public Service (PPS) numbers allocated to non-Irish nationals in a given year, combined with information on the number of work permits issued to Irish nationals in a given year, suggests that the QNHS may have underestimated the level of both immigration and emigration over the period. Accordingly gross inward flows have been revised upwards by 109,600 while emigration has been revised up by 23,100. Natural increase for the 2007-2011 period was also increased by 4,100 to take account of revised vital statistics.</p> <p>Revisions to the immigration of non-Irish nationals were largely based on the number of Personal Public Service (PPS) numbers allocated to non-Irish nationals in a given year which still had either employment (P35) or social welfare activity the following year. The availability of the data for year N is N + 2 and so estimates for the most recent years are achieved by trending forwards the rates noted for the most recent year available. Revisions to both Irish and non-Irish immigration also took account of the 2011 Census results on one year inflows and the recorded years of arrival of immigrants.</p> <p>Revisions to emigration have taken account of work permits issued to Irish nationals to a number of the destinations including Australia, US, Canada and New Zealand. In addition, data on National Insurance numbers (equivalent to PPS numbers) issued to Irish nationals in the UK was also incorporated in the revisions.</p>

Emigration by nationality Included in this release is a table on emigration by nationality which has been made possible by analysing the data on persons sampled in the QNHS who on subsequent visits are found to have left the country. The destination of emigrants for 2009-2012 was also based on this analysis. This represents a discontinuity with the methodology used for previous years.

Population by nationality The present release also contains a new table on population by nationality which is being published for the years 2006 onwards. This has been made possible by trending forwards the previous Census of Population data and incorporating gross migration flows by nationality based on respondents to the QNHS. Births by nationality were estimated based on the broad nationality distribution as recorded in the 2006 and 2011 censuses for those born in the State in recent years. Deaths by nationality were also estimated based on recent census results on the broad nationality distribution of the population by single year of age.

Usual residence population concept For the purpose of this release the population concept of usual residence has been used, i.e. all persons usually resident and present in the State on census night *plus* absent persons who are usually resident in Ireland but are temporarily away from home *and outside the State* on census night. All persons are classified according to their region of usual residence.